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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS R.)
SUBJECT: HEADS OF DELEGATE MEETING

1. OWEN, VANCE AND YOUNG MET WITH NKOMO AND MUGABE FOR TWO HOURS
SATURDAY MORNING. IN SUMMARY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS TOOK
THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

--RESIDENT COMMISSIONER: THEIR POSITION WAS NEGOTIABLE
--GOVERNING COUNCIL: THE NUMBER WAS NOT IMPORTANT, HOWEVER,
THE PATRIOTIC FRONT HAD TO HAVE A DOMINANT POSITION. ONLY THE
GOVERNING COUNCIL COULD NEGOTIATE A CEASEFIRE.
--UN MILITARY FORCE: THEY ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE FORCE
AND WOULD SPECIFY ON PAPER THEIR THOUGHTS ON ROLE AND FUNCTION
THIS AFTERNOON.

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--POLICE: A VISIBLE PATRIOTIC FRONT PRESENCE WITH CLEAR
AUTHORITY WAS NECESSARY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT PLAYED A ROLE IN BRINGING A SETTLEMENT. THE
PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD ACCEPT 50/50 DIVISION OF POLICE (INSTEAD
OF THE 2 TO 1 PROPOSED LAST NIGHT) WITH UN SUPERVISION.
--ALL PARTIES MEETING: THEY AGREED. WE DISCUSSED DATES IN
MAY PROBABLY TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH ON LOCATION, MUGABE

REFUSED NAIROBI, WE TALKED ABOUT LIVINGSTONE (WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF COMMUTING BACK AND FORTH TO VICTORIA FALLS) LONDON, MALTA, AND MAURITIUS.

2. MUGABE INDICATED THAT THE THREE ITEMS DISCUSSED LAST NIGHT WERE MODIFICATIONS OF THEIR BROAD PROPOSAL SUBMITTED AT MALTA WHICH HE SAID CONTINUED TO BE THEIR POSITION. OTHER ITEMS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE THAN CONTAINED IN ABOVE PARAGRAPH WHICH STILL NEED DISCUSSING ARE: THE STATE OF EMERGENCY, DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION, SPECIALLY ELECTED MEMBERS AND THE 61 CONSTITUTION.

3. PF LEADERS MADE CLEAR THA THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO GIVE A BOTTOM LINE POSITION BECAUSE OF THEIR CONCERN THAT WE WOULD USE THAT AS A NEGOTIATING POSITION AT THE ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE.

4. IN THE MEANTIME PF WOULD NOT AGREE TO SMALLER MEETINGS BETWEEN PARTIES THOUGH, OF COURSE, THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO CONTINUING CONTACTS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH US.

5. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE AME FIVE WOUD MEET AGAIN AT 4 P.M. SATURDAY AFTERNOON AFTER THE PF LEADERS HAD MET WITH THEIR DELEGATIONS, THEN AT 4:15 P.M. WE WOULD GO BACK INTO PLENARY SESSION. MEETINGS WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE PRESIDENT'S DINNER AT 8 P.M.
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